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FOR THE YEAR 2010  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
DECEMBER 14, 2010

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 with Jeff Simonsen, Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Terry Graybill, and Mark Leeds present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Simonsen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to approve the county claims as presented. Motion carried. A complete listing of the claims is available for review in the Auditor's office and online.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, reported that the river road bridge is open. Shanahan also reported on snow removal from the recent storm and the status of the five year plan.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, discussed the General Relief budget. 89% of the current budget has been used, primarily for burials. Langlitz will be meeting with local funeral homes to discuss cost saving options, including cremation. Ida County offers only \$250 per burial assistance whereas Cherokee County has been paying \$1500. Langlitz and the board agreed that a review of current policies and the application process was needed prior to authorizing any additional funds.

Langlitz discussed the proposed contract with Spencer Hospital. The contract would provide additional treatment options, guaranteed rates, and forgiveness of a prior debt. Langlitz is recommending this arrangement, and stated that Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, has reviewed the contract but was unable to attend today's meeting.

A second contract for the Synergy Center was presented by Langlitz. Currently, the County does not provide substance abuse treatment. The Synergy Center is proposing a rate \$120/day per contract. The board questioned the wait time for a bed with a contract vs. no contract. Langlitz stated that the wait time would be 4-6 weeks, with or without a contract. Langlitz and the board discussed whether the County wanted to begin providing substance abuse treatment. Langlitz stated that Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, has reviewed the contract but was unable to attend today's meeting.

Centers Against Abuse & Sexual Assault (CAASA) representatives, Rhonda Dean and Julie Schulenberg, presented the annual program update and budget request. They requested \$6000, the same amount as the past several years. The New Leaf continues to do well, largely because of strong local support. The outreach office has settled into its new space across from the LEC. There has been a steady increase for information and assistance since the relocation.

At 10:48 a.m., motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(a) *"To review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds."* Roll call vote: Schmidt – aye, Graybill – aye, Prunty – aye, Leeds – aye, Simonsen – aye. Motion carried. Session now closed.

At 11:28 a.m., regular session was resumed with no decisions resulting from the closed session.

The supervisors discussed requiring ID cards for all County employees to aid in identifying the employees responding to emergency situations. Government ID's are available through the DOT office for \$1 each.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve Resolution #2010-09 Inter-fund Operating Transfer of \$712,500 from Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Road Fund. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, and Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

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Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kristi Petersen, Auditor's Assistant